



# UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450  
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/719,460	11/21/2003	William A. Hood	2-5169-053	2582
803	7590	12/21/2005	EXAMINER	
STURM & FIX LLP 206 SIXTH AVENUE SUITE 1213 DES MOINES, IA 50309-4076			PETRAVICK, MEREDITH C	
			ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER
			3671	

DATE MAILED: 12/21/2005

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

***Requirement For Information***

1. Applicant and the assignee of this application are required under 37 CFR 1.105 to provide the following information that the examiner has determined is reasonably necessary to the examination of this application.
2. In response to this requirement, please provide answers to each of the following interrogatories eliciting factual information:
  1. From whom or what did Applicant's Assignee learn that the balers, like that shown in U.S. Pat. No. 5,129,208 with arcuate wedges like those in U.S. Pat. 4,910,949 referred to in Applicant's "Letter Disclosing Prior Art" (herein after "sold baler"), were previously sold? Please provide pertinent details.
  2. What dates or approximate dates was the sold baler sold? Please provide earliest and latest date and pertinent details.
  3. What product number, trade name or other similar product identifying information was the sold baler sold under? Please provide pertinent details.
  5. Where was the sold baler sold? Please provide pertinent details.
  6. Was the sold baler advertised for sale? If yes, what is the name and date of the publication? Please provide pertinent details.
  7. Does Applicant or Applicant's Assignee have blue prints, technical drawings, manuals or other information showing the structure of the sold baler? If yes, please provide a copy.

9. Explain the differences between the net wrap mechanism of the sold baler and Applicant's claimed invention including whether the net guides are flexible? Please provide pertinent details.
  10. Explain the difference between the supporting cross members of the sold baler and Applicant's claimed invention. Please provide pertinent details.
  11. Explain any other differences between the sold baler and the claimed invention. Please provide pertinent details.
- 
3. The information is required to enter in the record the art suggested by the applicant as relevant to this examination in the "Letter Disclosing Prior Art" submitted on 8/29/2005.
  4. In responding to those requirements that require copies of documents, where the document is a bound text or a single article over 50 pages, the requirement may be met by providing copies of those pages that provide the particular subject matter indicated in the requirement, or where such subject matter is not indicated, the subject matter found in applicant's disclosure.
  5. The fee and certification requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 are waived for those documents submitted in reply to this requirement. This waiver extends only to those documents within the scope of this requirement under 37 CFR 1.105 that are included in the applicant's first complete communication responding to this requirement. Any supplemental replies subsequent to the first communication responding to this requirement and any information disclosures beyond the scope

Art Unit: 3671

of this requirement under 37 CFR 1.105 are subject to the fee and certification requirements of 37 CFR 1.97.

6. The applicant is reminded that the reply to this requirement must be made with candor and good faith under 37 CFR 1.56. Where the applicant does not have or cannot readily obtain an item of required information, a statement that the item is unknown or cannot be readily obtained may be accepted as a complete reply to the requirement for that item.


7. This requirement is subject to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.134, 1.135 and 1.136 and has a shortened statutory period of 2 months. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Meredith C. Petravick whose telephone number is 571-272-6995. The examiner can normally be reached on M-T 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m..


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas B. Will can be reached on 571-272-6998. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Art Unit: 3671

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

  
Meredith C Petravick  
Primary Examiner  
Art Unit 3671

December 14, 2005

  
Timothy J. Smith  
Supervisory Patent Examiner  
Art Unit 3671